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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Lemoore

Subj: ARMING OF PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5530.14B
(b) SECNAVINST 5500.29B
(c) OPNAVINST 3591.1C
(d) OPNAVINST 5580.1

1. Purpose. To provide standard operating procedures for arming NAS Lemoore personnel.

2. Cancellation. NASLEMINST 5500.4G

3. Background. Reference (a) outlines minimum security training requirements. Reference (b) is the instruction on the use of deadly force and the carrying of firearms. Reference (c) is the small arms training and qualifications instruction. Reference (d) is the Navy Law Enforcement Manual.

4. General Requirements

a. The Firearm Card (OPNAV 5512/2 (Rev. 6-81)) for NAS Lemoore personnel shall be carried when armed and presented upon request by proper authority. The weapon shall not be surrendered without authorization of the NAS Lemoore Commanding Officer.

b. Firearms safety training will consist of instruction in the safe handling and carrying of authorized weapons per reference (c).

c. Firearms will be carried off base only in the performance of official duties, and complying with state and federal regulations.

d. NAS Lemoore personnel shall not use their weapon other than as required in the performance of their assigned duties.

"Deadly Force" as defined in reference (b) will be the deciding factor in display of the weapon.

e. Anytime a firearm is drawn or brandished, the individual's department head and/or Security Officer shall be notified immediately and a written report will be submitted via the chain of command. A thorough investigation of the incident shall be conducted by Security Detachment personnel.

f. Except in the conduct of range training, the department head shall be notified immediately when a weapon is fired. An Incident Complaint Report (ICR) shall be submitted to the Security Officer as soon as possible thereafter.

5. Authority To Arm. Authority to arm NAS Lemoore personnel is vested in the Commanding Officer by Navy Regulations, reference (b), and 10 USC 1585. In the exercise of this authority, the Commanding Officer will be guided by the following:

a. Authorization to carry firearms will be granted upon satisfactory completion of weapons qualifications training, use of deadly force training, and proficiency testing as per references (b) and (c). U.S. Navy military and civilian personnel will then be issued the OPNAV 5512/2 which will be signed by the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Lemoore.

b. The authorization to carry a firearm will be withdrawn whenever the person to whom it was issued no longer meets the training, qualification, or proficiency requirements, or no longer needs to be armed as per reference (b).

6. Use Of Force. NAS Lemoore personnel will not be armed until detailed instructions governing the use of force, including use of deadly force, in the performance of duties are received. Specific instruction governing the use of force will be given annually, in conjunction with firearms qualification, and quarterly during firearm sustainment training or academic training sessions. Security force personnel will officially acknowledge an understanding of the rules governing the use of force through a quarterly review of instruction. A copy of the completed exam will be entered into each individual's training record. In addition, during annual requalification a letter of understanding on the rules governing the use of deadly force will be signed by each individual and entered into his/her training record.

7. Arming Of NAS Lemoore Personnel

a. All personnel will be familiar with reference (a), reference (d), Standing Orders, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), General Orders, and demonstrate a thorough knowledge of deadly force procedures.

b. NAS Lemoore personnel will be authorized to carry a weapon after:

(1) Careful review of member's service record.


(2) Completion of all firearms annual qualifications and semiannual sustainment training.

(3) Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of use of force and deadly force procedures.

(4) Written acknowledgement of the use of deadly force.

(5) Recommendation of the individual's department head.

8. Forms. The Arming Authorization Card (OPNAV 5512/2 (Rev. 6-81)) can be obtained through the Navy supply system.



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